Hope Church Newham

(a charitable company limited by guarantee)

Registered Company Number: 07307429

Registered Charity Number : 1139566

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31/12/2025

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Trustees' and Directors Annual Report

For the year ended 31/12/2025

Charity Name:	Hope Church Newham
Constitution:	Hope Church Newham was incorporated on 7th July 2010, and registered as a charity on 30th December 2010. It is governed by the memorandum and articles of association signed on 14th Nov 2010.
Registered Charity Number	1139566
Registered Company Number	07307429
Directors/Trustees:	Mark Thomas Waterfield David Mark Sawyer Ursula Crosbie Fiona Suleman Bolade Kerr (Resigned: 31/05/2026)
Trustee Selection	Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees.
Company Secretary:	n/a
Pastor:	Mr Mark Thomas Waterfield
Registered Office:	The Hub 259 High Street Stratford, London. E15 2LS
Bankers:	Santander UK plc. Business Banking 301 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5NT
Independent Examiner:	Mr David Pask

Activities

Hope Church Newham continued to meet its primary objectives of advancing the Christian faith and providing help to those in need through the following activities: Regular meetings and services for those who attend the church and those interested in finding out more about the Christian faith. Working with children and young people including reaching out to those who might not otherwise meet Christians. Putting on weekly community events for the lonely and isolated and those with financial and health needs. Renting Stratford Hub to third parties for the benefit of Church funds, enabling us to carry out more of our primary activities. While some activities have been run in partnership with Young Life International and London City Mission, most activities are run by volunteers from Hope Church Newham.

Advance the Christian faith

Hope Church Newham has a worship service at the Hub each Sunday which is live streamed for those unable to make in-person meetings due to frailty, ill health, or because they live too far away.

Hope Church Newham continued to provide volunteer led children's activities every Sunday for those between 0 and 11 years old. A youth meeting is also held every other Sunday.

A group of five adults from Hope Church Newham took 17 of our young people to Newday, a Christian Festival attended by over 9,000 young people.

Hope Church Newham ran two ten-week evening Alpha courses providing people with the opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a welcoming environment where they were served a meal.

Hope Church Newham continued to partner with the Young Life International (YLI) team operating in East London. YLI's aim is to advance the Christian faith among young people including those who have no church background. In 2025 Hope Church supported this work through the provision of space free of charge, financial gifts totalling £4,100, as well as volunteers to help run the activities described below and to sit on the YLI regional committee.

Activities undertaken by YLI East London included:

- After school drop-in and club night
- Kick football academy
- Discipleship training
- Five-day football camp in Croydon with six "work crew" from Stratford.
- Taking 34 young people to a Young Life residential camp in Scotland providing the young people with plenty of fun and opportunities to worship together and to learn more about the Christian faith.

Hope Church Newham has continued to meet regularly to pray for the advance of the Christian faith outside the local church, both in the UK and overseas. Hope Church has actively supported the advance of the Christian faith outside the local church with members taking part in Love Stratford, a fun filled family day put on by the Stratford Churches and the lead pastor speaking at churches in both the UK and overseas.

Hope Church Newham took up a special offering in summer 2025 and distributed the £14,900 raised between three different groups. £7,450 went to Commission, the family of

churches to which Hope Church Newham belongs. This was to support planting new churches in the UK and overseas. £3,725 went to support and increase Hope Church's local mission among young people through its partnership with Young Life International (see above). The balance was used to make it possible and affordable for young people to go to Newday (see above).

Relieve sickness & financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health

Hope at the Hub is our weekly community event providing a warm and welcoming space where people can relax, build friendships and enjoy a sense of belonging. Guests take part in a range of activities and are given a free hot meal. During 2025, more than 200 different people attended Hope at the Hub with over 50 people some weeks. A £1,000 grant from Newham Council was used to launch a weekly exercise class in September 2025 and funding from a previous grant paid for a much-enjoyed day trip to the coast. This work is run by a team of volunteers recruited from the Church and via Newham Council. Both guests and volunteers have given positive feedback about their time at Hope at the Hub saying they feel happier, less lonely, more confident and with hope for the future.

Monies from the Hope Church Crisis fund were used to pay travel costs for asylum seekers, and to pay for shopping for individuals in extreme need.

As part of the special offering Hope Church gave £7,450 to Commission Global to support the planting of Churches and proclamation of the gospel in different countries across the world including Spain, Myanmar, India and the Philippines. The money will also be used to help those in extreme poverty to provide essential food supplies.

Hope Church Newham has also provided counselling and prayer for those facing difficult situations including sickness, abuse, and financial hardship.

Hope Church Newham has continued to support Orchards, a charity which provides counselling services to vulnerable women in London. This support has included providing, free of charge, a dedicated space where vulnerable women could be counselled. Some Hope Church members have received training from Orchards and come alongside women being supported by the Charity.

Advance education

Mark Waterfield, the pastor of Hope Church Newham, is the chair of the local Faith in Schools committee.

The activities of Young Life include going into schools and working with young people there.

Achievements & Performance

Hope Church Newham continued to promote the Christian faith every week on a Sunday and through other settings throughout the year. It continued to run Sunday services and children's and youth activities.

Hope Church Newham community groups have continued to meet mid-week on a regular basis. Most groups meet in person, but we have an online group for those unable to attend in person, this is supplemented by occasional in-person gatherings. Community groups continue to be a great way for those who attend Hope Church to get to know others and to be challenged to deepen their relationship with God.

Cherish, the triannual women's event pioneered in 2024, continued to grow in 2025 attracting more women who want to develop and nurture Godly friendships.

Rental income increased by 15% despite the loss of an organisation that contributed almost 50% of rental income in 2024.

The trustees continued their programme of annual and triennial reviews of all existing policies.

Plans for future periods

We will continue to use our Stratford Hub premises for our Sunday meetings, to run Alpha outreach courses, youth activities, Cherish and Hope at the Hub. We will provide opportunities for parents to partner with Church run children's and youth activities helping the young ones grow in their Christian faith.

We will endeavour to generate more rental income, allowing Hope Church to do more of its core activities.

We will continue to seek grant funding to allow the work of Hope at the Hub to grow and reach more needy people.

The trustees will continue its programme to ensure Hope Church Newham has appropriate policies in place and that these are followed in practice.

Financial Review

Total income of £257,000 was £11,000 higher than 2024 (£246,000). Voluntary income of £206,000 was £7,000 higher than 2024 (£199,000). Donations and gift aid rose by £12,000, mainly from increased tithes and giving and a larger special offering, partly offset by grant income £5,000 lower than in 2024. Commercial income of £48,000 was £6,000 higher..

Total expenditure of £259,000 was £1,000 lower than 2024 (£260,000), giving a net deficit of £1,000 (2024: £14,000). Unrestricted funds closed £490 higher at £16,007.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have set a desired level of reserve based on risk-based approach to income and expenditure. At December 2025 the level of reserves held was £16,007, compared to a target of £25,000. This fund is a contingency in the event of a sudden reduction in income, in order to protect the future operation of the organisation from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income and expenditure.

The risk-based approach includes:
1) The loss of high value donor/s
2) A reduction in other giving
3) A material reduction in income from the hiring of space
4) Increases to other costs

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

Declaration

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. Approved by the trustees on 4 October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

David Sawyer
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

For the year ended 31/12/2025

I report on the accounts for the year ending 31/12/2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissions section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.386 Companies Act 2006; or
   - comply with the accounting requirements of s.396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities SORP; or
   - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached,

David Pask ICAEW

Jubilee Church, Enfield, UK.

Date: 4th October 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31/12/2025

(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Notes	2025			2024		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	**£**	£	£	**£**
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies							
Donations & Gifts		155,957	15,917	**171,874**	140,614	14,732	**155,346**
Gift Aid Tax		31,362	1,850	**33,212**	35,685	1,835	**37,520**
Grants		-	1,000	**1,000**	3,150	2,750	**5,900**
		187,319	18,767	**206,086**	179,450	19,317	**198,767**
Charitable activities							
Fees and tickets		3,769	-	**3,769**	5,734	-	**5,734**
Other trading activities							
Commercial income (Hub hire)		47,560	-	**47,560**	41,496	-	**41,496**
Investments							
Investment income		2	-	**2**	16	-	**16**
Total income and endowments		**238,651**	**18,767**	**257,418**	226,695	19,317	**246,012**
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds (commercial income)	3	48,126	-	**48,126**	44,562	-	**44,562**
Charitable activities	3	190,035	20,444	**210,479**	201,002	14,539	**215,541**
Total expenditure		**238,161**	**20,444**	**258,605**	245,564	14,539	**260,102**
Net income / (expenditure)		**490**	**(1,677)**	**(1,187)**	(18,868)	4,778	**(14,090)**
Transfers between funds		-	-	**-**	-	-	**-**
Net movement in funds		**490**	**(1,677)**	**(1,187)**	(18,868)	4,778	**(14,090)**
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		15,517	5,211	**20,727**	34,385	432	**34,817**
Total funds carried forward		**16,007**	**3,534**	**19,540**	15,517	5,211	**20,727**

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities. There are no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above. Figures are rounded to the nearest £; totals are rounded independently and may differ from the sum of the lines by £1.

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31/12/2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	8,741	12,639
Cash at bank and in hand		28,227	26,270
Total current assets		**36,967**	38,908
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(17,427)	(18,181)
Net current assets		**19,540**	20,727
Total assets less current liabilities		**19,540**	**20,727**
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		16,007	16,157
Designated funds	10	-	(640)
Total unrestricted funds		**16,007**	15,517
Restricted income funds	11	3,534	5,211
Total Funds		**19,540**	20,727

For the year ending 31/12/2025 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 14 were approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 4 October 2026 and signed by:

David Sawyer

Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31/12/2025

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (the Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year. The Statement of Financial Activities has been presented under the headings required by the Charities SORP (FRS 102); the 2024 comparatives have been re-presented under the same headings with no change to the net movement in funds or the balance sheet.

2. Accounting Policies

Incoming resources

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which it relates.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure & Liabilities

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Allocation of costs between charitable activities and raising funds	Where costs were incurred that wholly relate to either a charitable or commercial activity they are designated as such. Staff costs are allocated based on an estimate of time incurred. Other costs are apportioned based on the use of the Hub throughout the year supporting charitable activities compared to providing commercial income.
Fund accounting	Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charity's objects. Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for a particular purpose. Restricted funds are subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or the terms of the appeal.

Assets

Fixed Assets	Assets are written off in the year of purchase, or in the case of assets gifted, in the year they are donated.
Debtors and creditors	Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due, less any provision for amounts considered doubtful. Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party.
Pensions	The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the SoFA in the period to which they relate.

3. Breakdown of resources expended - 2025

	2025					2024
	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Charitable Activities	Raising funds	Total			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries, NI and Pension (Note 6)	75,727	14,338	**90,065**	-	**90,065**	88,858
Contractors	2,000	2,439	**4,439**	-	**4,439**	10,079
Lease of the Hub	58,104	20,895	**78,999**	-	**78,999**	79,000
Property running costs	15,923	5,726	**21,649**	-	**21,649**	23,883
Property furniture & fittings	355	128	**483**	-	**483**	1,225
Sunday meeting running costs	6,467	-	**6,467**	-	**6,467**	8,229
Sunday meeting equipment	243	-	**243**	-	**243**	194
Training and conferences	909	-	**909**	-	**909**	58
Motor and travel	2,574	-	**2,574**	-	**2,574**	1,368
Grants and giving (Note 7)	2,735	-	**2,735**	12,592	**15,327**	11,096
Community and social events	11,819	-	**11,819**	7,852	**19,671**	21,591
Software & Website	3,342	364	**3,706**	-	**3,706**	3,693
Legal, insurance & health & safety	2,220	330	**2,550**	-	**2,550**	2,058
Provision for doubtful debts	-	2,700	**2,700**	-	**2,700**	-
Other expenditure	7,618	1,204	**8,822**	-	**8,822**	8,771
Total resources expended	**190,035**	**48,126**	**238,161**	**20,444**	**258,605**	260,102
3.1 Space donated to other charities at no cost						
Space donated to other charities	32,449	-	**32,449**	-	**32,449**	31,937

4. Breakdown of resources expended - 2024 (Prior Year)

	2024					2023
	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Charitable Activities	Raising funds	Total			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries, NI and Pension (Note 6)	74,712	14,146	88,858	-	88,858	79,234
Contractors	4,219	5,860	10,079	-	10,079	7,687
Rent of meeting place	-	-	-	-	-	5,220
Lease of the Hub	60,830	18,170	79,000	-	79,000	53,966
Property running costs	18,390	5,493	23,883	-	23,883	10,570
Property furniture & fittings	943	282	1,225	-	1,225	14,646
Sunday meeting running costs	8,229	-	8,229	-	8,229	7,251
Sunday meeting equipment	194	-	194	-	194	2,337
Training and conferences	58	-	58	-	58	962
Motor and travel	1,368	-	1,368	-	1,368	792
Grants and giving (Note 7)	4,620	-	4,620	6,476	11,096	14,883
Community and social events	13,542	-	13,542	8,049	21,591	9,014
Software & Website	3,330	363	3,693	-	3,693	3,195
Legal, insurance & health & safety	1,810	248	2,058	-	2,058	5,400
Provision for doubtful debts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure	8,757	-	8,757	14	8,771	2,282
Total resources expended	**201,002**	**44,562**	**245,564**	**14,539**	**260,102**	**217,439**
4.1 Space donated to other charities at no cost						
Space donated to other charities	31,937	-	**31,937**	-	**31,937**	15,968

5. Details of certain items of expenditure

5.1 Trustee expenses

The aggregated amount of expenses reimbursed to 0 Trustees during the year was £0 (2024 = £0).

5.2 Trustee remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trustee/Pastor :		
Salary	54,000	54,000
Employer's National Insurance Contributions (NIC)*	6,589	6,197
Employer's Pension Contribution	6,480	6,480
	67,069	**66,677**

**This is the gross NIC for the employee. From April 2025 Hope Church receives a £10,500 employers allowance that is netted off the gross Employers NIC for this and other roles.The total allowance in 2025 financial year was £8,667 (2024 = £5,000)*

The Charity allows payment to trustees under clause 5.4 of the Trust Deed and the corresponding provision of the Articles of Association.

5.3 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	None	None
Other fees paid to the independent examiner or auditor	None	None

6. Paid employees

	2025	2024
	£	£
6.1 Staff Costs		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	78,836	79,025
Employer's National Insurance costs (net of employers allowance, see note 5.2)	2,062	2,054
Employer's Pension Contribution	9,166	7,779
	90,065	**88,858**

6.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year **1.8 FTE** 1.8 FTE

6.3 Pension Scheme

A defined contribution pension scheme is provided through Peoples Pension. Hope Church Newham contributes up to 12%, and employees contribute up to 6%, and it is available to all employees.

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Activities in the periods during which services are rendered by employees.

7. Grantmaking and giving

7.1 Total value of grants and giving

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants	14,150	9,875
Giving to individuals (not grants)	1,177	1,221
	15,327	**11,096**

7.2 Summary of grants

	2025			2024
	Grants to institutions	Grants to individuals	Total Grants	Total Grants
	£	£	£	£
Purpose for which grants made:				
Advancing the Christian faith	13,850	300	14,150	5,875
Alleviating financial hardship and spreading joy	-	-	-	4,000
Total Grants	**13,850**	**300**	**14,150**	9,875

7.3 Grants made to institutions

Names of institutions	Purpose	2025 Total Grants	2024 Total Grants
		£	£
Compassion UK	Alleviating financial hardship and spreading joy	-	4,000
Young Life	Advancing the Christian faith	4,100	3,000
London City Mission	Advancing the Christian faith	1,500	2,375
Commission	Advancing the Christian faith	7,450	300
Stratford Churches	Advancing the Christian faith	800	200
Total Grants made to institutions		**13,850**	9,875

8. Debtors and prepayments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift aid tax refundable	7,978	5,506
Trade debtors	3,073	5,500
Less: provision for doubtful debts	(2,700)	-
Other debtors	390	1,633
Total Debtors	**8,741**	12,639

9. Liabilities. Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
NI & PAYE due to HMRC	1,441	1,923
Pensions contributions due to Peoples Pension	1,098	1,098
Deferred income	1,390	600
Other accruals	13,498	14,560
Total Liabilities	**17,427**	18,181

10. Designated Income Funds

Movement of funds	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Commission Event	(640)	640	-	-	-
Total designated income funds	**(640)**	**640**	**-**	**-**	**-**

11. Restricted Income Funds

Movement of funds	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Alleviating financial hardship & spreading joy	1,686	20	(1,617)	-	89
Young Life	2,000	3,725	(3,525)	-	2,200
Hope at the Hub	1,525	2,450	(3,160)	-	815
Hope at the Hub – Newham Council	-	1,000	(570)	-	430
International Giving	-	7,450	(7,450)	-	-
Newday	-	4,122	(4,122)	-	-
Total restricted income funds	**5,211**	**18,767**	**(20,444)**	**-**	**3,534**

Purposes of restricted funds:
Alleviating financial hardship & spreading joy: the Hope Church Crisis Fund and Christmas offering, used to relieve
Young Life: support for Young Life International's youth work
Hope at the Hub: grants and gifts for the weekly community drop-in
Hope at the Hub – Newham Council: council funding for exercise sessions at Hope at the Hub
International Giving: special offering for overseas work
Newday and Commission Event: contributions towards the cost of taking members to those events.

12. Fundraising

No professional fundraisers or commercial participators were used to approach individuals on the behalf of Hope Church Newham in 2025.